

and other insolvency and restructuring matters. For these types of issues, Mr. Walter has worked with cities, hospitals, developers, energy companies, manufacturing, service and retail businesses. During his thirty years of practice, he has represented debtors and trustees in over three thousand cases under Chapter 11, 12, 7 and 9.

Mr. Walter is actively involved with many legal organizations. He has served as president and director of the Central California Bankruptcy Association and the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He has served as the chair of Business Law Section and the Agricultural Law Section of the Fresno County Bar Association. Mr. Walter also served as the director and co-chair of the California State Bar Agribusiness Committee. He has served as director of the California Bankruptcy Forum and the Central California Receivers Forum. He is, or has been, a member of the American Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, American Inns of Court and Society of Agricultural Lenders. He is a former chair of the Agricultural Law Review Advisory Committee at San Joaquin College of Law. He is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, Class XIII and is a Delegate to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Mr. Walter was selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer for 2004 through 2009.

Outside of his practice, Mr. Walter taught agriculture law as an adjunct professor at San Joaquin College of Law in Fresno from 1989 through 1993. He was also an adjunct professor of management (entrepreneurial studies) at California State University, Fresno. He has authored, co-authored or contributed to many articles. Because of his extensive experience and involvement, Mr. Walter has lectured on bankruptcy topics to business and legal groups numerous times.

Mr. Walter has a long history of involvement in civic and cultural organizations. He currently serves as the vice chair on the board of the Lyles Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation of California State University, Fresno. He is general counsel to the Central Valley Business Incubator and the Bulldog Fund. Mr. Walter recently retired from the board of the Central Valley Business Incubator, after thirteen years of service with the organization. He was formerly on the boards of the Fresno Business Council, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, Fresno City and County Historical Society and the Lee Institute for Japanese Art.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Riley Walter upon thirty years of legal service to the Central Valley. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Walter many years of continued success.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS

SPEECH OF

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support for H. Res. 1385 to recognize and honor the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans. Though we appreciate their sacrifice

every month, it is important this resolution is passed this month as May is expressly designated National Military Appreciation Month.

We can never say "thank you" enough for the sacrifices paid by the Nation's military. The liberties we enjoy today were earned through the bravery and sacrifice of ordinary Americans with extraordinary selflessness. America must never turn her back on her service members and veterans.

We know all too well that freedom is not free. They courageously stepped forward to protect and defend the Constitution and the people of the United States. This resolution is just a small tribute to the great character of all our military service members and veterans.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me in supporting H. Res. 1385 and thanking current and former servicemembers for guaranteeing our freedom.

#### GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD CONGRATULATIONS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 08, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of outstanding young girls for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. This year's honorees from Virginia's 11th Congressional District are Michelle Bedker, Randi Beil, Michelle Biwer, Lindsey Brock, Lauren Falkenstein, Kathryn Forestello, Nicole Gray, Brynna Heflin, Carolyn Iwicki, Cassady Keller, Jessica McEvoy, Allison Moats and Ashley Pettway.

The Gold Award is a prestigious award that is earned by a select group of Girl Scouts who have demonstrated a higher commitment not only to community service, but to advocating for lasting change. Each girl carefully evaluated her community's needs and determined the nature and scope of her project and then submitted project proposals to the Gold Award Panel. Additionally, while working on the project, each girl dedicated a minimum of 65 hours. This year's projects ranged from teaching young people to read or play an instrument to protecting the environment and helping the homeless.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these girls on their achievements and for their contributions to their community. I wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

#### HONORING FAIRFIELD, WASHINGTON

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud the town of Fairfield, Washington for its ongoing commitment to one of our Nation's most symbolic treasures—the American Flag. On June 12, 2010, Fairfield, Washington will host its one-hundredth Flag Day parade. Long known as the "Town that Celebrates the Flag," Fairfield

embodies the patriotic, hard working principles that have made this Nation great for over two-hundred thirty-four years.

Originally established in 1777 and celebrated each year on June 14, Flag Day commemorates the unification of this great union under the United States Flag. As part of its Centennial celebration, Fairfield will dedicate a newly installed flag pole to the men and women who have selflessly served in our Nation's armed services. At a time when our Nation's military is involved in multiple conflicts and humanitarian aid missions, this solemn dedication is entirely fitting of Congress' recognition.

I would also like to mention that Fairfield residents' strong beliefs in family, community, and civic responsibility reflect the characteristics the Founders envisioned for the citizens of this great Republic. I am honored to represent these proud Americans and congratulate them and the town of Fairfield on its one-hundredth Flag Day parade.

#### HONORING MILTON CLOWERS

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to Fayetteville, Georgia's Milton Clowers, who passed away last week. A good friend to many, he leaves behind his wife Randi and loving children: son Eric and his wife Amy and a daughter, Cameron. His extended family included several brothers and sisters who preceded him in death and four brothers and two sisters who survive. Probably most special to him were his five grandchildren—Gracelyn, Reginald, Khalil, Tyler and Gabrielle.

Milton was a good friend to me, having known him both personally and professionally. He was born in Tennessee and attended Tennessee State University. Milton pursued a career in the electrical industry, which brought him to Atlanta where he was accepted into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 613/National Electrical Contractors Apprenticeship program.

Milton worked hard and diligently to excel in the electrical industry. From the early days at Grove Park Electric to Dixie Electric Company—where he helped bring on Yukon Electric as a joint venture partner for projects for Delta Air Lines—Milton enjoyed a successful career. The highlight of his career was making UpTime Electric the successful electrical contracting firm it is today.

Milton also served on several industry boards including the Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association where he was a President, Governor and Chairman.

Career and community work are important, but a man is only as good as the family and friends who support him. Fortunately, Milton was blessed with an abundance of both. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother and friend. He was a strong, multitalented and compassionate man who gave so much to so many. I am proud to speak about him today and honor his life and contribution.